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For: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NOVEL GENES ENCODING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the Amendments which begins on page 2.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 6.

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: